

Hoffman Estates Citizen

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Microsoft data center brings new tech sector to Hoffman Estates

Just east of Barrington Road and north of the Bell Works redevelopment of the former AT&T headquarters, tech giant Microsoft is transforming a vacant industrial lot into a state-of-the-art data center site.

The Microsoft data center project, first approved by the Village Board in May of 2021, represents a more than \$450 million total investment in the Hoffman Estates community. The first of two phases is currently under construction, including the infrastructure needed to bring electricity and water to the 53-acre site. The data centers will feature data halls filled with equipment to store data “in the cloud” and administrative offices. In 2019, the State of Illinois General Assembly adopted an incentive program making it attractive for data centers to come

to Illinois. Data centers diversify the Village’s economic development landscape, provide significant revenue and need few services from the municipality.

The Microsoft data center will provide a new assessed valuation for the community, which will generate significant property taxes that will benefit the Village and other government organizations, but it will not create a corresponding demand for services. For example, area school districts will receive property taxes from the data

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Rental assistance available

A new rental assistance program is now available for Hoffman Estates residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants up to \$12,000 are available for moderate and low-income Hoffman Estates residents who experienced a pandemic-related hardship and are behind on rent.

Residents may be eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Household income is at or below 80% of the area median income
- A rental unit is the primary residence in the Village of Hoffman Estates
- Can provide proof of financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Currently behind on rent

The program is sponsored by the Village of Hoffman Estates using CARES Act CDBG-CV funds and is administered by the North West Housing Partnership (NWHP), a non-profit agency.

For further details, please contact NWHP at 847-969-0561 or visit nwhp.net.



Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

As I promised, here's part two of Sears, Roebuck & Company's attempt to make a profitable automobile.

It was 40 years since Sears had hoped to make a low-cost automobile. Their next new car would be called "Allstate," a name that had been familiar to its catalog customers since 1920, when tires were sold under that brand name. The brand name "Allstate" was expanded to include automobile insurance in the 1930s.

Do any of our older readers remember the "Henry J" automobile? This automobile was built by Kaiser-Frazer Corporation, owned by steel magnate Henry J. Kaiser in 1950. They acquired a government loan that required the car to be cheaply built so low-income families could afford it. No trunk lid, armrests, glove box and only fixed rear passenger windows. It could hold five passengers, but it must have been a

tight squeeze. It wasn't very attractive to buyers. Due to the government loan requirements, Kaiser-Frazer Corp. had to follow the loan agreement that required the Henry J to sell for no more than \$1,300. It was built with the fewest parts possible.

The Henry J had a 134.2 cubic inch, four-cylinder, 68 horsepower engine supplied by Willys-Overland. The four-cylinder engine was the same engine used in the CJ-3A Jeeps. It got up to 35 mph, and Willys-Overland did substantial business on the deal, but the Henry J suffered low sales due to better prices, styling and power by competitors such as Ford, Chevy and Plymouth.

By 1952, Kaiser began selling the Henry J through Sears with a few changes, such as a unique grille, hood ornament, hubcaps, Allstate tires and batteries (of course) and a plaid fabric interior, making it a little more

attractive to the buying public. The automobile became the "Allstate," the second Sears attempt at selling automobiles. This time it was not sold through the Sears Catalog but at a Sears store.

By 1953, the Allstate sold from \$1,395 to \$1,785, but Sears called it quits after selling 2,300 cars and never got into the automobile business again.

I learned a lot about Sears' attempt to enter the automobile business. I only knew about the overwhelming number of products sold in their stores and catalogs. As a girl, I learned a lot from those catalogs. I'll never forget Sears. We were proud to be the home of their corporate headquarters. Did we ever think it would end as it did?

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National Night Out is Aug. 2

Come out to National Night Out to meet your neighbors and the police officers of your community on Tuesday, August 2. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

This event provides an excellent opportunity to bring all members of the community together. The event will be held in the Police Department parking lot, located at 411 W. Higgins Road, from 5 - 8 p.m.

Guests will be able to enjoy food, drinks and music while exploring police cars and emergency vehicles. National Night Out is also an opportunity to learn about the many services the Village of Hoffman Estates provides. The Hoffman Estates Fire Department will be present, along with other community organizations. The Police Department will be offering police station tours throughout the night. At 7 p.m., there will be a K-9 demonstration on the front lawn.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Donohue at 847-781-2866.



A message from the Police Department: **beware of phishing scams**

Phishing is a type of scam that targets consumers via phone calls, emails or text messages. The communications appear to be from a well-known source, such as an internet service provider, bank, mortgage company, online store or streaming service.

Disguised as these entities, the scammer prompts you to provide personal identifying information like passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. Then the scammer uses the information to open new accounts or invade your existing accounts.

To hook you, phishing scammers may:

- Say they have noticed some suspicious activity or login attempts
- Claim there is a problem with your account or your payment information
- Say you must confirm some personal information
- Include a fake invoice
- Prompt you to click on a link to make a payment
- Say you are eligible to register for a government refund
- Offer a coupon for free items



You can spot phishing scams by looking for:

- Odd greetings like “Hi Dear”
- Spelling and punctuation errors
- Urgency like “Final Notice! Warning! Act now!”
- Receiving notices from companies that you do not have accounts with

To avoid phishing scams:

- Do not respond to calls, emails or messages that ask for personal or financial information. Hang up, delete the messages, or send them to your spam/junk email folder.
- Never click on links in messages! Go online, type in the actual web address of the bank, store, or company you are curious about and login there. Check for any suspicious activity.

If you have been caught in the net of a phishing scam or wish to report a phishing scam, visit identitytheft.gov or ftc.gov. Any questions about phishing scams can be directed to Officer Matt Jones at 847-781-2873 or via email at matthew.jones@hoffmanestates.org.



A message from **Mayor McLeod**

Summer is well underway! Over the last several weeks, the NOW Arena has hosted students and families celebrating the end of another school year. Congratulations to all of our graduates, and best of luck as you embark on new adventures! Additionally, thank you to all who came out to the butterfly garden at the Children’s Advocacy Center in June for the annual Mayor’s Monarch Pledge. It is wonderful to see such great support from our community for this important and beautiful creature.



Village and community officials attend the Mayor’s Monarch Pledge at the Children’s Advocacy Center butterfly garden.

From block parties to the return of Northwest Fourth Fest, the Village Board and I have been thrilled to see everyone back at our community events. There are still plenty of opportunities this summer to enjoy all that Hoffman Estates has to offer. Our Arts Commission is halfway through their “Summer Sounds on the Green” concert series, which offers free concerts on Thursday nights at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green. A wide variety of food and drink options are also available from the Hideaway Brew Garden located onsite. You can find the remaining schedule on page 12 or visit hoffmanestatesarts.com. Grab a picnic blanket and come on out to the Village Green for music and entertainment!

In August, we’ll come together to take a stand against crime at the annual National Night Out community event. Join us at the Police Department on Tuesday, August 2, from 5 - 8 p.m. for music, food, drinks and educational opportunities about police services. Our fire department and other organizations will also be there with activities and information for families. Finally, a great opportunity for teens to learn about being a first responder is coming up in September. Sign up early to secure your spot. More information can be found on page 10.

As always, please contact me anytime at bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org or 847-781-2604 with your questions or comments. Have a happy and safe rest of your summer!

Bill McLeod



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Community briefs

Annual Water Quality Report now available

The Village's Annual Water Quality Report is now available online through a designated web address, hoffmanestates.org/WaterReport. To request a printed copy of the Water Quality Report, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 or by email to publicworks@hoffmanestates.org.

Seasonal brush drop-off program

Brush may be brought to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave., from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: July 2, July 16, August 6, August 20, September 3 and September 17. This free program accepts residential brush/branches only (no commercial loads), and proof of residency is required. For more information, call 847-490-6800.

Free children's entertainment series continues

The Hoffman Estates Arts Commission and Hoffman Estates Park District offer "Friday Fun in the Park" all summer long at Vogelei Park, 650 W. Higgins Road, starting at 10 a.m. on alternating Fridays. The Triphahn Center is the rain location. The remaining events for the summer include:

- July 8 – Scribble Monster (musician)
- July 22 – Istvan and his Imaginary Band (musician)
- Aug. 5 – Ken Schultz (juggler)

Police officer applications

The Hoffman Estates Police Department will soon be accepting Lateral Police Officer Applications. Please visit the Police Department website at hoffmanestates.org/police for further information.

Mobile dental clinic coming in July

This July, the Village will host a mobile dental clinic for all children, from newborns to college students. Services include cleanings, exams, sealants and fluoride treatments. Dental exams are required for children entering kindergarten, second, sixth and ninth grades. These preventative services will satisfy school requirements, and a certificate will be provided upon completion of the exam. Medicaid and private insurance are accepted. For those without dental insurance, the cleaning and exam fee is \$20 (cash, check, credit, debit and Care Credit are all accepted). The mobile dental clinic is open to all communities. For questions and to schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.

A German Fest for All – Platzkonzert!

Save the date - the Village's Oktoberfest-themed Platzkonzert Germanfest is back! Platzkonzert will take place at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green on September 9, 10 and 11. The event begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 9, with lively traditional music and authentic German cuisine. Saturday's activities include a free Kinderplatz area for the kids, while adults can enjoy friendly competitions and live music all day (and into the night). Music and Kinderplatz activities will continue on Sunday until early evening. A full schedule will be made available at hoffmanestates.org/platz. See the event webpage to sign up as a volunteer.



Put litter in its place

When more people are outdoors during the summer, litter tends to increase in parks and public spaces. Please help keep Hoffman Estates clean by throwing away trash in a garbage bin. If none are available while you are out, please hold onto your waste and dispose of it in a container when you can. At home, you can help decrease litter by using garbage bags rather than throwing trash loosely into totes. This prevents garbage from blowing out of your tote on a windy day.

Hoffman Estates Fire Department Honor Guard

The 17-member Fire Department Honor Guard participates as ceremonial guardsmen and support personnel in numerous events in town and around the country. Most recently, the Fire and Police Honor Guards took part in the annual Hoffman Estates/Schaumburg Memorial Day service to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Hoffman Estates has 12 members who have been inducted into the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) Honor Guard. They hold monthly trainings with local departments and attend the annual AFFI convention held downstate. Honor Guard members provide dignified, ceremonial services at Memorial Day celebrations, Independence Day parades, Patriots Day and 9/11 Memorial services, Special Olympics, retirement celebrations,

standing at attention for firefighter funerals and more. It is their honor to serve the community and represent the Fire Department to the highest standards.



August is National Immunization Awareness Month

Vaccines are a safe and effective way to help your body build immunity. This month highlights the importance of getting vaccinated throughout your life to protect yourself and others against serious diseases. The Health and Human Services Department offers vaccines for children and adults. We follow CDC Infection Control guidelines to ensure safe vaccine administration. Vaccinations are recommended for children to return to school safely this fall. To speak to one of our nurses, call 847-781-4850. To schedule an appointment, visit hoffmanestates.org/HHS.

Welcome new businesses!

100% Chiropractic
2567 W Golf Rd.

Comprehensive Urologic Care
2500 W Higgins Rd. #500

Hokkaido Ramen
3051 N Barrington Rd.

Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp.
2000 Center Dr. East # D219

Hanami Studio
977 N Roselle Rd. #2

Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa
2510 N Sutton Rd.

Headline Solar LLC
2000 Center Dr. East # C411

Salon Eros
1171 N Barrington Rd. #B

Team Rehabilitation Physical Therapy
3200 W Higgins Rd. #102

Thriveworks Counseling
2500 W Higgins Rd. # 935

Healthy body, healthy mind ...

news from Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services offers health screenings, vaccines and preventative tests for both adults and children. Call 847-781-4850 to schedule!

Adult services and immunizations

- Blood pressure and pulse check: free!
- Diabetes (blood sugar): \$2
- Hemoglobin (anemia): \$3

To schedule health screenings, preventative tests, or affordable vaccines and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850.



Cholesterol Screening

This FASTING test measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels. It requires a small drop of blood. Results are immediate and include a consultation with a nurse. The cost is \$22.

Hemoglobin A1C screening

The hemoglobin A1C test is a simple finger stick to find out if you have diabetes or are at risk of developing

diabetes. The test takes six minutes and the cost is \$15.



Children and baby clinics

Health and Human Services will offer back-to-school immunization clinics, dental exams and cleanings during the month of July. Immunization clinics will be offered to school-age children up to 18 years old in July. Reservations are required, and immunization records will need to be provided in advance to receive vaccines.

The clinic has always used outstanding infection control policies and has instituted additional guidelines according to the Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Added safety measures help to ensure the health of patients, as well as to protect employees.

Individual appointment times for each child include the following precautions:

- Appointments will be staggered to promote social distancing.
- A COVID-19 questionnaire will be answered by each individual.
- Temperature checks are performed prior to appointment time.
- Face coverings/masks are required for anyone over the age of two.
- Only one parent per child while inside the office is encouraged.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the office for client use.
- All immunizations are discussed with families by nurses during phone calls before appointments.
- Credit card payments (if necessary) will be completed over the phone.
- Staff members are required to wear PPE.

Health and Human Services provides these important services to the community and asks that you do not hesitate to call with any questions at 847-781-4850. Clinic information is also updated on the Village website at hoffmanestates.org/HHS. To request an appointment, complete two forms on the website and email them, along with your immunization records, to HHS@hoffmanestates.org.

The power of the sun: July is UV Safety Awareness Month!

The sun can promote good mental health, strengthen the immune system and motivate us to be physically active outdoors. While outside can be enjoyable, too much exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can cause skin damage, eye damage and skin cancers. Everyone can get skin cancer, no matter what their skin tone.

July is UV Safety Awareness Month. It is essential to protect yourself from UV rays by wearing sunscreen and taking other preventative measures if you will be outdoors for more than 10 minutes. Always remember sun safety as you enjoy the summer weather.

For more information on how to protect yourself from UV rays, visit cdc.gov/cancer/skin.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

You may not be aware of this, but if you have the appearance of running a business, have a website, pay rent on a space, receive business-related mail and are registered with the Secretary of State or the Department of Revenue, you are required to have a business license. Please contact the Clerk's Office so that we can assist you in obtaining your license.

Contact the Village Clerk's office at 847-781-2625 or email bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org.

Growing to greenness!

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Ten facts about storm water

1. Storm sewers are designed to collect rainwater runoff only.
2. Water entering the storm sewer system is not treated before moving into downstream waterways (ponds, creeks, wetlands, etc.).
3. All open grated drains that can collect surface water are part of the storm sewer system.
4. Sump pumps that collect surface water or ground water from the house perimeter discharge into the storm sewer through surface runoff or direct pipe connection.
5. All interior house drains, including floor drains and ejector pump discharges, do not enter the storm sewer system. These sources enter a separate sanitary sewer system that flows to a water treatment plant before releasing into downstream waterways.
6. Dumping of any pollutants or waste into a storm sewer is never permitted and can pollute downstream waterways.
7. Runoff may become polluted as it runs along roads, parking lots, roofs, lawns and construction sites.
8. Runoff may contain pollutants, such as automotive fluids, fertilizers and pesticides, leaves, sediment, litter and pet waste.
9. Please do your part to keep storm water clean! Everyone can help reduce the amount of pollution carried in storm water.
10. Report illegal dumping or spills by calling the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 or emailing publicworks@hoffmanestates.org. The police non-emergency number, 847-882-1818, may be used after 4 p.m. or on weekends.



The Village encourages all residents and businesses to take pride in their storm water quality. Visit the storm water management webpage for tips and more information at hoffmanestates.org/stormwater.

center project. However, the project will not increase the student population, which means more dollars available to provide services to existing students. It is estimated that property taxes generated will be in the low seven figures once the project is fully built out. These additional dollars will be shared with the Village, area school districts and others.

Once up and running, the Microsoft development will generate ongoing revenues in the form of electric utility taxes, water/sewer utility revenues and other development-related payments. In its first year of construction alone, the Village received over \$3 million from Microsoft in engineering and building permit fees. These revenues are used to offset the cost of vital Village services. Microsoft will also pay for upgrades to the Village's existing sanitary sewer system.

"The Village is excited to welcome Microsoft to Hoffman Estates, and we know they will have a positive effect on our community," said Mayor Bill McLeod. "Our police and fire departments won't be called to the site very often, for example, but Microsoft's contributions to our community could help our departments buy life-saving equipment to better serve our residents."

Microsoft's data center will also support the technology ecosystem. This development provides support to growing technology demands across all business sectors.

The facility will also create the need for a highly-skilled labor force, with several high-paying positions onsite. In addition, vendors

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and contractors will manufacture and maintain data center equipment, and the project will provide nearly 300 construction jobs over the multi-year buildout.

While Microsoft is the first "big tech" company to establish a presence in Hoffman Estates, other technology companies often follow their lead. Smaller technology companies will benefit from Microsoft's plans to offer colocation, or "colo." This enables tech enterprises to rent space for servers and other hardware to meet their technology needs so they can continue to grow.

"Data centers complement the Village's tax base very well," said Economic Development Director Kevin Kramer. "It's important to have a healthy mix of retail, commercial and industrial businesses of all sizes so we can continue to diversify our economy."

Earlier this year, the Village amended its zoning code to make data centers a permitted use in certain industrial/business zoning districts, signaling the desire to see this use in our community.

Microsoft's first data center building will be completed this fall, while finalization of the building's interior and work on the second phase continues into 2023. The site will ultimately include two buildings totaling 400,000 square feet.

For more information on this and other development projects, visit hoffmanestates.org/planning.



Rendering of the Microsoft Data Center



Annual recycling event

Hoffman Estates is hosting its free annual recycling drop-off and document destruction event on Saturday, August 27, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending promptly at noon. Drop-offs will not be accepted after the event's conclusion, so residents are advised to arrive early at the Public Works Center, located at 2305 Pembroke Avenue.



Residents should remain in their vehicles while attending this event, and workers will unload recyclables from your vehicle. Paper documents should be contained in paper bags or small cardboard boxes – not in plastic bags. If a resident has a variety of materials to recycle, please keep them separated in the back of the vehicle to ensure items are recycled properly. Accepted items include textiles, medications and sharps, batteries, printer cartridges, and fluorescent light bulbs.

As a reminder, if anyone in your home has recently tested positive for COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms, please do not attend this event. Most items can be recycled separately through the Village's ongoing programs.

About paper

Only sensitive documents will be accepted, including medical records, bank statements and tax forms. Do not include magazines, greeting cards or newspapers, as these

can be recycled curbside. Paper is cross-shredded on site. Residents are limited to six file-size boxes or grocery-size paper bags of documents. Plastic, metal clips and binders should be removed. **Do not bring paper in plastic bags.** Plastic is a contaminant, as are photos, slides and any non-paper item.

About electronics

Remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes before the event. Accepted electronic items include cable and satellite receivers; cell phones and tablets; computers and computer equipment/components (e.g., cables, keyboards, monitors, etc.); fax machines, printers and scanners; MP3 players; TVs; videogame consoles; video recorders/players; and Zip drives.

Items **NOT** accepted include air conditioners; CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes; humidifiers/dehumidifiers; lamps; microwaves; refrigerators and other large home appliances; speakers; stereos; and vacuum cleaners.

Additional services

In addition to electronics, the Village will be accepting these items for recycling:

- Textiles and small household goods through Simple Recycling (new or used clothing; boots and shoes; belts and ties; handbags; hats and gloves; toys; towels; sheets and blankets; small kitchen appliances; and more)
- Expired drugs/sharps
- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) light bulbs
- Batteries
- Printer cartridges
- Latex (water-based) paint:
 - Spray cans: \$2
 - Quarts: \$2.50
 - One-gallon containers: \$5
 - Five-gallon buckets: \$12

NOTE: flammable materials will not be accepted.

For more information about this recycling event and other sustainability programs, visit hoffmanestates.org/green.

Electricity rate increase

Effective June 1, 2022, ComEd implemented a rate increase that customers can expect to see reflected on their July billing statements. Residents and businesses participating in the electricity aggregation program through Eligo Energy, which matches the ComEd rate, will also see an increase resulting from the rate changes. The rate increases per kilowatt-hour (kWh) are as follows:

	Residential	Commercial
New Rate: June 2022 to May 2023	9.76¢	9.89¢
Old Rate: June 2021 to May 2022	7.81¢	7.85¢

These changes represent a 20% rate increase, putting pricing at a 14-year high. Increased rates have been linked to the war in Ukraine and the heightened demand for

natural gas in the U.S., while oil and gas producers have not kept up with the jump in demand.

With the expected surge in electricity supply pricing, the Village is reminding residents they have the option to seek services from alternate suppliers. No other fixed-rate supplier is known to have lower rates at this time, but residents may visit pluginillinois.org to compare offers. When comparing rates, be mindful of introductory pricing that may readjust higher after three to six months.

Residents needing assistance paying electricity bills should visit comed.com/paymentassistance to find information on due date extensions, waivers, deferred payment arrangements and more. Residents may also call 1-877-411-9276 to connect with a community action agency for information on payment assistance programs.

To learn more about this price increase and ways to reduce your electricity usage, visit hoffmanestates.org/news.

Extra thirsty in the summer? So are trees!

Do your tree leaves look wilted? Are leaves turning yellow and brown at the edge or even dropping to the ground prematurely? These are all common signs of a tree experiencing heat stress. Trees experiencing heat stress are more susceptible to pests, which can cause the tree to experience further decline. It is easy to avoid these signs in a tree by giving it some deep watering (softening the top 10" of soil) during the hot summer weather to encourage the formation of long, deep roots.

Some tips for watering trees:

- Avoid evaporation by watering in the early morning or, if necessary, in the early evening.
- Use a soaker hose or oscillating sprinkler to allow water to infiltrate the soil slowly for deeper watering. It may take a few sessions to loosen up over-dried soil.
- The area near the drip line (furthest extension of tree canopy) should be watered. This is where the root tips that bring moisture to the tree are located.
- Mature trees require deep watering twice a month in normal conditions
- Newly planted trees require deep watering 1-2 times a week, contingent on precipitation received.

- In a drought situation, water more frequently, but be mindful of water restrictions.

Trees contribute to better air quality, carbon storage, increased property values, energy savings and reduced storm water runoff. They also beautify and bring the enjoyment of nature into neighborhoods. Take good care of trees, just like they take care of you.



Show your **community pride** – nominate a neighbor today!

The nomination deadline for the 23rd annual Community Pride Recognition Awards is **Wednesday, Aug. 31**. This program, sponsored by the Sustainability Commission, recognizes and honors three “best” landscaping categories:

- Detached single-family home
- Attached single-family home
- Neighborhood or homeowners association

This program also recognizes beautiful properties that may incorporate “green” practices. If you see a neighbor using rain barrels, composting, incorporating nontoxic methods of pest and weed control, or other sustainable practices, let us know! Photographs will be taken of areas viewable from the street in early September. For more information and an online nomination form, visit hoffmanestates.org/sc.



Community Pride Recognition Award nomination form

I nominate the residence at: _____
Owner(s) name (if known): _____
“Green” landscape techniques (if known): _____
Neighborhood/homeowners association: _____
Contact person: _____
Your name and address: _____

Please complete and return to:

*Hoffman Estates Village Hall c/o Sustainability Commission
1900 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169*

Fireworks Safety



FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With many professional firework shows being canceled this year, it is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



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Bullying awareness

According to a 2019 study by the National Center for Educational Statistics, one in five students is being bullied. The American Psychological Association defines bullying as “a type of aggressive behavior that takes place when an individual intentionally causes someone else discomfort on repeated occasions.” For a behavior to be considered bullying:

- It must be unwanted and aggressive
- There must be an imbalance of power (i.e., strength or popularity)
- It has happened more than once, or there is potential for it to happen again

Bullying can take many forms, such as name-calling, making threats, spreading rumors and physical harm. Cyberbullying is a growing concern, where bullying takes place through technology, such as on social media and messaging apps.

Children being bullied may suddenly withdraw, be reluctant to go to school, have trouble sleeping or experience reduced self-esteem. Children who are bullying others may show increased aggressive behaviors, hang out with others who reinforce their behaviors and may also struggle with low self-esteem.

Unaddressed bullying can contribute to depression, anxiety, insomnia and other negative effects. It can also reinforce loose boundaries and send the message that bullying is acceptable.

If you suspect your child is being bullied, let them know you support them. Provide an open space to discuss their experiences; encourage healthy coping strategies; and advocate for them, such as by placing a report with their school.

If you suspect your child is bullying others, inform them that what they are doing is harmful and unacceptable. Explore the reasons for bullying in a non-confrontational way; model positive relationships and interactions; and help them learn new ways of coping.

For additional information on bullying, please visit accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/bullying-awareness-guidebook.

Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy will be held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. beginning August 30 and running through November 15. At the program's conclusion, the graduates will be acknowledged at a Village Board meeting on December 5.

The Academy will be held at the Police Station located at 411 W. Higgins Road, and will include a tour at the Northwest Central Dispatch Center in Arlington Heights. Participants will be introduced to Chief Kasia Cawley and tour the Police Department. Throughout the 12-week program, there will be presentations from:

- Firearms Instructors
- Problem-Oriented Policing/Crime Prevention Division
- Investigations/Case Study
- Use of Force Instructors
- Evidence Technicians
- Traffic Section/DUI
- Tactical Unit/Gangs/Narcotics/K9 Demonstration
- Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) / SWAT

Applications can be found online at hoffmanestates.org/cpa. Any questions should be directed to Sergeant Dan Donohue at 847-781-2866 or via email at daniel.donohue@hoffmanestates.org.



Teen First Responder Academy

To encourage future careers in public service, the Hoffman Estates Fire and Police Departments are excited to offer the first-ever joint First Responder Academy for Teens. The academy will meet at the Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road, or various fire stations on Thursday evenings from 6 – 9 p.m., beginning September 1. This 12-week program will give participants a better understanding of first responder professions and the value of public service. Teens will participate in hands-on activities, live-action role-playing scenarios and discussions to explore engaging and meaningful content related to police and fire professions.

Topics covered will include:

- K9 Functions and Demonstration
- Fire Apparatus Explanations
- Evidence/Crime Scene Processing
- Vehicle Extrications
- Major Crime Investigations
- Traffic/DUI
- Awareness
- Fire Hose Pulls
- Gangs/Narcotics
- Working a Live Fire
- Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) / SWAT

Interested individuals ages 14 to 20 are encouraged to apply now; applications will be accepted through Monday, August 1. Class size is limited to allow participants to fully experience each profession's topics. Any questions should be directed to Police Officer Matt Jones at 847-781-2873, matthew.jones@hoffmanestates.org or Fire Lieutenant Tom Zito at (847-275-8262, thomas.zito@hoffmanestates.org).

For more information on either academy or to download an application, please visit hoffmanestates.org/police.



July & August calendar



All meetings and events are at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. For up-to-date information, visit hoffmanestates.org/calendar.

July

Friday, Jul. 1

- Northwest Fourth-Fest - Carnival only, NOW Arena, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jul. 2

- 4th of July Parade on Illinois Blvd., 9 a.m.
- Northwest Fourth-Fest - All Activities, NOW Arena, noon

Sunday, Jul. 3

- Northwest Fourth-Fest - All Activities, NOW Arena, noon
- Veterans Flag 3: Donald W. Williams, USMC - Korea, PD

Monday, Jul. 4

- Village Hall Closed, Independence Day
- Northwest Fourth-Fest - Carnival Only, NOW Arena, noon

Tuesday, Jul. 5

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Jul. 6

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jul. 8

- Children's Concert: Scribble Monster, Musician, Vogelei Park, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Jul. 10

- Veterans Flag 4: Lawrence H. Orvis, USAF, PD

Monday, Jul. 11

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, Jul. 12

- Fire and Police Commission, PD, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jul. 14

- 4th of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Summer Concert: Mariachi Guerreros de Mexico, Village Green, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jul. 16

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Jul. 17

- Veterans Flag 5: Anthony C. Alonzo, Army - WWII, PD

Monday, Jul. 18

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m. to noon
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jul. 19

- Police Pension Board, PD, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jul. 20

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jul. 21

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Concert: Radio Gaga, Village Green, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jul. 22

- Children's Concert: Istvan & His Imaginary Band, Vogelei Park, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Jul. 24

- Veterans Flag 6: Charles T. Brown, Army - WWII, PD

Monday, Jul. 25

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, Jul. 26

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jul. 27

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jul. 28

- Summer Concert: Tropixplosion, Village Green, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jul. 31

- Veterans Memorial Commission, PD, 1 p.m.
- Veterans Flag 7: Leonard J. Battaglia, Army - WWII, PD

August

Monday, Aug. 1

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m. to noon
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 4

- Summer Concert: Hillbilly Rockstarz, Village Green, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 5

- Children's Concert: Ken Schultz, Juggler, Vogelei Park, 10 a.m.
- First Friday - Commission for People with Disabilities, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 7

- Veterans Flag 8: William M. Walsh, Army - Vietnam, PD

Monday, Aug. 8

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m. to noon

Thursday, Aug. 11

- 4th of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Summer Concert: Billy Elton, Village Green, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 14

- Veterans Flag 9: Mark A. Mueller, USCGC, PD

Monday, Aug. 15

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m. to noon

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 18

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Concert: Breakfast Club, Village Green, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 22

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m. to noon

Sunday, Aug. 21

- Veterans Flag 10: Fredrick A. Kerr, USAAF - WWII, PD

Tuesday, Aug. 23

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 24

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27

- Annual Recycling Event, PW, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 28

- Veterans Flag 11: Jerry K. Losch, Army - WWII, PD

Monday, Aug. 29

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m. to noon

VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road

PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road

PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue

Village Board meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

The General Administration and Personnel; Planning, Building and Zoning; and Transportation and Road Improvement committee meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

The Finance; Public Health and Safety; and Public Works and Utilities committee meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

* The flag-rotation ceremony is held at the Veterans' Memorial every Sunday at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Those wishing to make a donation for the perpetual maintenance of the Memorial may do so at the Village Hall, or by mailing a check to the Veterans' Memorial c/o the Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. The casket flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans' Memorial in the coming months. The Veterans' Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 411 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

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Municipal facilities

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online services.*

Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

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411 W. Higgins Road

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1900 Hassell Road

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225 Flagstaff Lane

Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova

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2305 Pembroke Avenue

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“Summer Sounds on the Green” free outdoor concert series

“Summer Sounds on the Green” continues! This free, outdoor concert series is held at the beautiful Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green in western Hoffman Estates. Sponsored by the Arts Commission and the Hoffman Estates Park District, these free performances are perfect for anyone looking to enjoy good, family-friendly music in a relaxing setting. All Thursday evening performances begin at 7 p.m.

Schedule for the remainder of summer:

- **July 14:** Mariachi Guerreros de México
- **July 21:** Radio Gaga
- **July 28:** Tropixplosion
- **August 4:** Hillbilly Rockstarz
- **August 11:** Billy Elton
- **August 18:** The Breakfast Club

Bring a blanket or lawn chair to the Village Green amphitheater located at 5510 Prairie Stone Parkway, just west of the NOW Arena off Route 72 in the Poplar Creek at 59/90 Entertainment District.

For more information, including directions and free parking details, call 847-252-5448, or visit hoffmanestatesarts.com. If there is lightning, the concert will be canceled for everyone's safety.

